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***Chairman Porter to Examine H.R. 4859, the Federal
Family Health Information Technology Act of 2006***

What: **Hearing entitled “*Healthier Feds and Families: Introducing Information Technology into the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, a Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4859 Part II.*”**

When: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.

Where: 2154 Rayburn House Office Building

Background: The purpose of this hearing will be to further discuss H.R. 4859, the Federal Family Health Information Technology Act of 2006. This bill would require the implementation of health information technology (HIT) within the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. This is the second and final legislative hearing on the bill before subcommittee consideration. It is the Subcommittee’s hope that through this hearing, we will gain valuable knowledge in our effort to bring better and safer healthcare to not just to employees of the Federal Government, but to everyone else as well. In the first legislative hearing, we heard from witnesses such as the Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, the GAO, and several of the stakeholders in HIT who demonstrated the benefits that HIT will provide. In this hearing we will hear primarily from those who will be directly affected by this legislation, including labor groups representing federal employees and some of the top insurance carriers within the FEHB Program.

INVITED WITNESSES:

Honorable Wm. Lacy Clay, member of Congress, Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census;

Dan Green, Deputy Associate Director, Center for Employee and Family Support Policy, OPM;

Charles Fallis, President, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association;

Colleen Kelley, National President, National Treasury Employees Union;

Jacqueline Simon, Director of Public Policy, American Federation of Government Employees;

Archelle Georgion, MD, Executive VP, Strategic Relations, Specialized Care Services,
UnitedHealth Group;

Stephen W. Gammarino, Senior Vice President, National Programs, Blue Cross and Blue
Shield Association;

Joe Witkowski, Vice President, Government Employees Hospital Association, Inc.

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